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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/090,601	Applicant(s) VERBRUGGE, THEODORE JAY	
	Examiner Allan Kuhns	Art Unit 1732	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 December 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 and 12-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-6 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 12-15 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

1.Applicant's election with traverse of Group III in Paper No. 12-17-03 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that (1) with regard to Groups I and II and Groups II and III, the proposed alternative process has not been shown to be feasible for the claimed three dimensional articles, much less materially different, and (2) concerning Group I and III, it is stated that in any coordinate geometry system, there is always a radial direction perpendicular to an axial direction (applicant further notes that axial and radial directions are true and exist in any cylindrical, cubic and spherical coordinate system). This is not found persuasive because (1) applicant has offered no reason as to why the alternative process proposed by the examiner would not be feasible and the proposed alternative process is distinct on its face (essentially destroying a mold or mold portion versus separating a mold portion by relative movement of a mold segment in a particular separation direction, and (2) concerning inventions I and III, the examiner stated that the apparatus as claimed could be used in a process "which employs a mold cavity of a shape wherein there is no radial direction perpendicular to an axial direction" By this statement, the examiner was envisioning the use of an orthogonally shaped mold cavity. In such a cavity, dimensions in a radial direction perpendicular to an axial direction would of course exist, but they would be of little or no significance in relation to the orthogonal shape of the mold cavity.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2.Claims 1-6 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or

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linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in Paper No. 12-17-03.

3.This application contains claims 1-6 drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse in Paper No. 12-17-03. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancelation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

4.The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5.Claims 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garneau, Sr. as set forth in the previous Office action.

6.Claims 12-15 are allowed.

7.Applicant's arguments filed December 17, 2003 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Garneau does not teach opening the mold cavities in a separation direction parallel to spacer walls 33, 34. The examiner disagrees and notes the direction of movement which is implicit in the mold of Garneau changing from the closed position illustrated in Figure 9 to the open position illustrated in Figure 11.

Applicant refers to a specific passage in the Garneau reference (column 3, lines 51-52) in support of his position. This passage states that the mold half 27 is moved "in a direction exactly perpendicular to the face surfaces and parting line". Presumably the

face surfaces are the surfaces which contact the surface of the opposite recess (column 3, lines 15-16) such that this statement in the reference also supports the interpretation made by the examiner, in addition to the support provided by Figs. 9 and 11.

8.THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

9.Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Allan Kuhns whose telephone number is (571) 272-1202. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 7:00 to 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Colaianni, can be reached on (571) 272-1196. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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